(b) to (d) The Punjabi University, Patiala has been established by Government of Punjab. According to the information furnished by the State Government, the appointment of the Vice-Chancellor was made by the Chancellor in accordance with the provisions of the Punjabi University Act. The present Vice-Chancellor was never a Reader in Political Science in the same University and the complaint received by the University was found to be baseless.

(e) and (f) The University has informed that no junior person has been appointed Head of the Department superseding a senior person.

Appointment of Registrar of Punjabi University, Patiala

1724. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have recently changed the Registrar of Punjabi University, Patiala;

(b) whether any fresh appointment has been made to the above post;

(c) whether the regular procedure and Rules were followed in this appointment; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) The Government have not changed the Registrar of Punjabi University, Patiala. It is a matter entirely within the jurisdiction of the University.

(b) to (d) The appointment of the Registrar of the Punjabi University, Patiala is made by the Syndicate of the University. The University has informed that the appointment of the Registrar has been made in accordance with the Act and the Statutes of the University.

Seventh Five Year Plan

1725. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the ICOR achieved during the Seventh Five Year Plan period;

(b) whether the Planning Commission has decided to reducing the ICOR from 4.6 to 4.35 to achieve a 6 per cent growth rate;

(c) wheher an ICOR of 4.35 is considered achievable;

(d) whether it is a fact that at a growth rate of 6 per cent with an ICOR of 4.35, the savings required would be of the order of 27 per cent as against 21 per cent achieved during the Seventh Five Year Plan; and

(e) whether Government would reconsider the growth rate, ICOR and saving rate in a manner that the targets are realistic and achievable?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) The investment and output data for the entire period of Seventh Five Year Plan is not yet available.

(b) to (d) Details of parameters relating to savings, investments and growth during the Eighth Five Year Plan have not yet been finalised.

(e) Yes, Sir.

Hazards of pollution from chemical pesticides

1726. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the world-wide concern on the dangers of pollution from chemical pesticides;

(b) if so, whether standards for all pesticides registered in India have been laid down if not, the reasons thereof; and